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### **Residential and Day Services**

At HOMES, we currently support over fifty individuals in the rolling hills of the Fraser Valley about an hour east of Vancouver, BC.

The HOME Society has over 30 homes located from Surrey, Mission to Chilliwack in the east. Most homes are located in the Abbotsford area.

We support individuals in traditional shared homes of four persons, individual one or two person homes and Supported Family Care. Our homes provide a safe and supportive environment, individualized for each person we support.

#### **H.O.M.E.S Work Experience**

At H.O.M.E.S, our yard and maintenance crew is busy landscaping, power washing and providing help with the maintenance of our residences and neighbor's yards. Our focus is for the people we support to develop life skills, acquire work experience and first and foremost, the ability to enhance their sense of self worth.

#### **H.O.M.E. Society Day Services**

Currently, we work together with CLBC to provide day supports to folks who may be living at home or in a private care situation. We recruit from our database of experienced caregivers to find the right match for the person being supported. Based on the person's interests, the supports and activities are tailored to meet their needs.

#### **H.O.M.E. Society Respite Services**

The H.O.M.E. Society provides respite services to a wide variety of people. The goal of respite services is to provide additional support, rest and renewal for the primary caregivers and at the same time, ensure a safe, enjoyable and meaningful experience for the person in care.

### **Supported Family Care**

People are happiest when they feel they are a valued and included member of a family. This is the cornerstone of Supported Family Care.

In the Supported Family Care model, a person with a disability lives with a family, couple or a single person in the community. This offers richer opportunities for developing natural relationships and social circles.

#### **Who Are the Care Provider's?**

The people that provide family care come in all shapes and sizes. They are singles, couples or families. As with all our supports, we welcome diversity. They are experienced, committed people that want to share their lives with someone with a disability.

Supported Family Care involves matching up caregiver's and individuals based on needs, lifestyle and relationship building. One of the unique features of H.O.M.E.S. Supported Family Care is the additional support of a unionized caregiver.

The Supported Family Care Manager works closely with the Family Care Operators and the caregiver's to provide the best possible services to the individuals we support.



# H.O.M.E.S.

## Healthy Opportunities for Meaningful Experience Society



*The H.O.M.E. Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of people with disabilities.*

H.O.M.E.S. is funded in partnership with Community Living BC and was originally part of the Woodlands downsizing project.

CLBC's waitlist policy is available at:  
[http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/publications\\_and\\_resources/policies\\_and\\_publications/](http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/publications_and_resources/policies_and_publications/)

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## Our Mission & Value Statement

### The H.O.M.E. Society is committed to:

- Welcoming men and women who need a supportive home in the community by embracing a philosophy of Gentle Teaching.
- Linking with family, friends and neighbors' to provide a circle of support for those we serve.
- Supporting the community in which we live and work, contributing to the local economy, agencies and events, and sharing the gifts and skills of those within the H.O.M.E. Society.

### Our Values:

- Ethical Conduct
- Awareness of moral duty
- Responsibility and accountability in all aspects of our operations
- Pursuit of excellence
- Honesty and Integrity
- Fairness and Equality
- The celebration of cultural, ethnic, and spiritual diversity.



## An Intro to Gentle Teaching

### Gentle Teaching is...

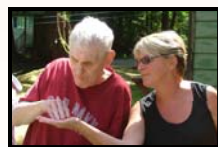
- Focusing on being kind, nurturing, and loving toward marginalized children and adults—those who have been pushed to the edge of family or community life .

- Helping those who have sorrowful life-stories feel safe with us and loved by us.

- Helping those who have inherent vulnerabilities such as extreme poverty, homelessness, mental disability or mental illness feel safe with us and loved by us and others.

- Looking at our role as teaching feelings of companionship and community.

- Mending broken hearts—hearts that have been broken by tragic life stories or by the particular nature of a mental or emotional disability.



### The H.O.M.E. Society

The H.O.M.E. Society was founded by a group of dedicated volunteers to meet the needs of person's labeled mentally handicapped. The H.O.M.E.S Society began by assisting folks leaving Woodlands Institution during its closure. H.O.M.E.S believes that all people have the right to live their life with respect, dignity, access to resources and support.

#### We are dedicated to:

Individuals who have not had the chance to live in a stable, secure and loving environment. Many of the people we serve have gone through numerous foster and group homes prior to coming to H.O.M.E.S Utilizing rural and city settings, with a focus on building and contributing to local community.

#### Health and Safety

We are dedicated to providing the safest environment possible for everyone at The H.O.M.E Society. We work together with our Health & Safety Committee and WorkSafe BC to ensure our safety standards are the highest quality possible.

#### Training and Education

At H.O.M.E.S, we provide our employees with a wide variety of training options. Much of our training is required on a regular basis.

#### Self Advocates

H.O.M.E.S is a proud sponsor of many self advocate activities and initiatives. We assist folks who wish to attend retreats or conferences for educational purposes. H.O.M.E.S also provides work experience options for many self advocates.

### The H.O.M.E.S Team

The H.O.M.E Society support network is extraordinary. It is both professional and effective.

H.O.M.E.S welcomes the families and other significant persons in the lives of marginalized persons, be they former staff, friends or professionals. It is hoped that their experience and caring will assist the men and women we serve to live in the community as dignified and valued citizens. Furthermore, their participation will enable people to live richer and more satisfying lives and will assist H.O.M.E.S in ensuring a good quality of care.

The H.O.M.E. Society is a leader in effective crisis response. All members of the Management team are on call and available 24/7 to assist and lend a hand in all crisis.

The H.O.M.E.S team has years of experience. We have spent the past ten years working with the most challenging people in the field. H.O.M.E.S has continued to re-shape itself to meet the changing needs of those served. It has formed partnerships, changed locations, and established enough support that some individuals who were seen as very challenging now routinely contribute to the community as volunteers or through work options.

